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Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" So, unless resolutions of this kind are supported by the Excise Advisory and Licensing Boards the Government would not take any action ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The Government will consider the advice of their officials and if they think it necessary they will issue orders in accordance therewith. But apart from that, the district committees can themselves take action."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know if these resolutions were considered at all by the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Whenever such resolutions are received, they are considered."

Reduction in the excise revenues of the province.

* 1418 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has recommended any reduction in the excise revenue of the province being budgeted for as a result of his prohibition policy ;

(b) if so, how much, and

(c) if not, why not ?

A.—(a) to (c) No. It is not possible to anticipate at present what the financial effect will be during 1929–30 of the scheme of propaganda work which is to be started.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether the fact that the Government do not anticipate any fall in the excise revenue is the reason why they have not budgeted for any reduction in excise revenue in the budget for the ensuing year ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I am afraid that is not the reason."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Then, may I know what the reason is ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The reason is that it is not possible to anticipate what the fall would be."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" In view of the fact that not even a pie is budgeted for as reduction in the excise revenue, may I know whether the Government anticipate any fall at all, as a result of their temperance propaganda ?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The excise revenue may fall."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know whether they expect any effect from the propaganda carried on ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" They do."

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Appointment of Indian I.M.S. officers to civil duty in Madras.

* 1419 Q.—Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many Indian I.M.S. officers there are in civil employ in this Presidency ;